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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Claims**

Please amend Claims 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 31, 32, 38, 39  
and 40 as follows:

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, change “according to any of claims 1 to 4” to --according  
to claim 1--.

Claim 8, lines 1 and 2, change “according to any of claims 1 to 7” to --according  
to claim 1--.

Claim 9, lines 1 and 2, change “according to any of claims 1 to 8” to --according  
to claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, change “according claims 9” to --according to claim 9--.

Claim 12, lines 1 and 2, change “according to any of claims from 1 to 11” to --according to claim 1--.

Claim 18, lines 1 and 2, change “according to any of Claims from 1 to 17” to --according to claim 1--.

Claim 20, lines 1 and 2, change “according to any of Claims from 1 to 19” to --according to claim 1. --

Claim 21, lines 1 and 2, change “according to any of Claims from 1 to 20” to --according to claim 1--.

Claim 22, lines 1 and 2, change “according to any of Claims from 1 to 21” to --according to claim 1--.

Claim 23, lines 1 and 2, change “according to any of Claims from 1 to 22” to --according to claim 1--.

Claim 24, line 2, change “Claims 1 to 23” to --claim 1--.

Claim 27, line 2, change “Claims from 1 to 23” to --claim 1--;

Claim 29, lines 1 and 2, change “according to Claims 26 and 28” to --according to claim 26--.

Claim 31, line 1, change “according to Claim 26 or Claim 28” to --according to claim 26--.

Claim 32, line 2, change “Claims 1 to 23” to --claim 1--.

Claim 38, lines 1 and 2, change “according to any of Claims from 1 to 32” to

--according to claim 1--.

Claim 39, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of the Claims 1-32" to

--according to claim 1--.

Claim 40, line 1, change "according to Claims 1 to 32" to --according to


claim 1--.

**Remarks**

Claims 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 31, 32, 38, 39 and 40 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and thereby minimize claim fees.

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